

Next week:

I'm skipping having you read any of Kant. Just read B's critique of Kant.

Here is a useful commentary on the material.

Reading Guide to Bourdieu, P (1986) 'Postscript: Towards a "Vulgar" Critique of "Pure" Critiques',
<http://www.arasite.org/bdieudis1.htm>

It comes from David Harris who has a remarkable site.
David Harris site
<http://www.arasite.org/>

We will also be looking at a segment of a video by Godard and Miéville, in class.

We will also try to schedule a common time to view the video about B.

Rather than another writing or presentation assignment, everyone should look ahead the following class which will be organized around a further discussion of Distinction with everyone contributing a chart or map of economic vs. cultural capital using one section that you feel comfortable dealing with (e.g., theatre in Chicago; tastes in popular music or tv programs, etc.)

Neoliberalism resources.

The essay I handed out the first day, "The Essence of Neoliberalism," is an example of B's more polemical work in the 1990s, written for a broader public audience. The term "neoliberalism" may not be familiar, however, because it is not used in mainstream political discourse in the US. As you can see from the article itself, B is arguing against proponents of an unregulated market capitalism.

How neoliberalism takes specific forms varies, but the effects are unmistakable: an increase in the percentage of the population in poverty, a growth in income differences (especially marked in the US and accelerated by the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy), and in cultural production less autonomy due to the increasing conglomeratization and commercialization of publishing, as one example.

A Primer on Neoliberalism by Anup Shah

<http://www.globalissues.org/TradeRelated/FreeTrade/Neoliberalism.asp>

Neoliberalism: origins, theory, definition
<http://web.inter.nl.net/users/Paul.Treanor/neoliberalism.html>

(start with the summary at the end)

Global Media, Neoliberalism, and Imperialism, by Robert McChesney

<http://www.monthlyreview.org/301rwm.htm>

of possible interest: a special issue of Modern Language Quarterly on B:

http://depts.washington.edu/mlq/publications/pub_journals_58_4.html